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**Good Evening Everybody:**

**The members of the Senate will return from the Easter holiday all set to face that major issue - the Civil Rights Bill.**

**Two votes - today cleared the way. First, the Senators decided to end sixteen days of debate - and bring the measure to the Senate floor. Then they defeated a motion to send it back to committee.**

**So the head-on collision we've been hearing too much about - is almost sure to take place soon, with opponents of the bill all set for a filibuster when the debate gets under way.**

## FULBRIGHT

Senator Fulbright flatly denies-that he is an advocate of appeasement. The Arkansas Democrat, terming his attitude-"Plain common sense." Meaning-his remarks on Panama and Cuba. He suggested that we agree to-a new Panama Canal treaty. And accept the fact-that Castro is likely to be around for a long time.

But if <sup>Sen.</sup> Fulbright doesn't consider that appeasement- some members of his party do. Congressman Selden of Alabama compares <sup>him</sup> Fulbright to Neville Chamberlain. The Republicans <sup>They are</sup> even more outspoken, <sup>with</sup> Congressman Wyman of New Hampshire, terming the Fulbright proposals-"surrender on the installment plan."

JOHNSON

*The President and the First Lady - are at home tonight. At - their Texas home. The LBJ Ranch, where they lived for a long time before they entered the White House. They left Washington this afternoon - to begin their Easter holiday, during which the President will keep in touch with Domestic and International affairs - even while he's supposed to be on vacation at the LBJ. Texas Ranch, sixty miles from Austin.*

*support them. says the boss of the Marines.*

## MARINES

Has the Commandant of the Marine Corps given us the tipoff - on future strategy in South Vietnam? General Wallace Greene says helicopters are not enough. We've been using the Whirlybirds - to launch attacks on the Red Guerrillas in the jungle, and the General has no criticism - as far as troop transport is concerned. His point is that helicopters - even armed helicopters - are too vulnerable to anti-aircraft fire. More fighter planes are needed to support them, says the boss of the Marines.

## GLENN FOLLOW MARINES

General Greene took a moment at the National Press Club in Washington today - to mention the most famous member of the Marine Corps. Astronaut John Glenn - who is in hospital with that head injury, had hoped to enter politics - as a candidate for the Senate. This meant resign from the Marines. But such resignations only take effect - on the first of the month. So, if Col. Glenn doesn't leave the hospital, and take leave of the Marines by April first, he'll be delayed until May first, only four days before the Ohio Primary. His family to do the campaigning for him.

According to his commander, that's probably what will happen.

## MOSCOW

The warning that has just been issued in Moscow-is aimed at students of the Afro-Asian Bloc. The ones who have been staging demonstrations-in the Soviet Capital. Especially the Africans-who claim ~~that~~ the Russians discriminate against them, And the Moroccans-who last week invaded the Moroccan Embassy.

The Soviet Government is obviously afraid that the idea of demonstrating-will occur to more Afro-Asians. Which is the reason for this threat-to jail the ringleaders. And expel-the rest. Khrushchev has often applauded student demonstrations-against the west. But-Anti-Soviet demonstrations, The boss of the Kremlin-isn't quite so happy about those. In fact-he doesn't want any more of them.

## THORNBURG

All of us are, or should be, interested in the Near and Middle East. After all, man as a civilized being emerged somewhere in that area; and for thousands of years the lands between Egypt and Persia have been fought over by an endless procession of armies. More civilizations have come and gone on that part of our planet, than anywhere. Archeologists are always uncovering <sup>another</sup> ~~some new~~ important ancient city in the Near East. <sup>And then -</sup> The great oilfields found out there in our day have become a major factor in the economic life of our planet.

But, the Near East is so complex that not many Americans really know what it's all about. Perhaps our number one authority, in our day, <sup>has been</sup> ~~was~~ an engineer and scholar from California, Max Weston Thornburg, who spent a large part of his life in the Middle East. He and his wife even had their own island in the Persian Gulf.

The result of his observations appeared today

in a new ~~book~~ book called "People and Policy in the Middle East." If names like Cairo, Damascus, Jerusalem, Baghdad, Suez, Mecca, Teheran, and Shàraz, if they excite you, as they do me, why you will want a copy of the Max Thornburg book.



## MUTINY

That mutiny in Rio began when six hundred Brazilian Marines staged a sit-in-at a Communist meeting hall. The Minister of the Navy sent a detachment-to arrest the ringleaders. But the newcomers-joined the Leftists.

That was enough to cause the Minister-to resign.

President Goulart, stepping in-to bring the mutineers to heel.

## WEATHER

Near Los Angeles, helicopters are dumping seed - over nine thousand square acres. Grass seed. To restore vegetation in the Verdugo Mountains that were first hit by forest fires, then by - landslides. Leaving two big areas - completely bare. Hency, the sowing of grass seed - by helicopter, which they hope will begin to sprout in two weeks and turn California's Verdugo Mountains green again.

As for other parts of the country - a foot of snow - in Michigan. Tornadoes - in Illinois and Indiana. Record cold - in North Dakota. Thirteen below in Bismarck - coldest ever for March twenty-sixth. Here along the East Coast, thunderstorms - from New England to the Carolinas.

## TANKER

Twelve years ago, the tanker "Fort Mercer" split in half - under the pounding of an Atlantic storm. That tragedy of nineteen fifty-two - is headline news tonight. Before the "Fort Mercer" - was repaired. Renamed - The "San Jacinto". Went back - into service and split for a second time while off the coast of Virginia - en route from Portland, Maine to Houston, Texas.

Cause this time - an explosion in the engine room. The blast, cracking the hull of the tanker - just behind the wheelhouse.

Of the thirty-nine crewmen aboard, none killed by the explosion. Thirty-seven still aboard the drifting stern of their vessel now being towed by the coast guard. Two others - were rescued from a lifeboat. One, the only fatality of the incident. The victim of a heart attack.

A second epic of the sea, Dick, for the "Fort Mercer", now the "San Jacinto".

TRIAL

Let's take a look at some statistics-from Aylesbury,  
England. Theft-Seven Million dollars. Defendants-ten.  
Attorneys-twenty-three. Witnesses-Two hundred and sixty-four.  
Time-fifty-one days. Words,~~two~~ and one-half million.  
Judge's summation-thirty-three hours. Jury deliberation-  
sixty-seven hours.

All that to get a verdict of "guilty"-in Britain's  
great train robbery. The hijacking-of the Glasgow-to  
London Mailtrain.

But ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> <sup>Oh, no.</sup> does <sup>it</sup> end the affair? The ringleaders-  
are still at large. So is-most of the loot, <sup>to the tune of</sup> ~~£~~ <sup>£</sup>  
~~sterling-worth more than~~ <sup>some</sup> six million dollars. ~~Still a~~  
~~puzzle for~~ <sup>still hasn't cleared up the</sup> Scotland Yard-the great train robbery.